

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S10991–S11049*

**Measures Introduced:** Seven bills were introduced as follows: S. 1575–1581. **Page S11032**

**Measures Reported:**

S. 1264, to reauthorize the Federal Communications Commission, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 108–140)

S. 1046, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to preserve localism, to foster and promote the diversity of television programming, to foster and promote competition, and to prevent excessive concentration of ownership of the nation's television broadcast stations, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 108–141) **Page S11032**

**Labor, Health and Human Services, Education Appropriations:** Senate continued consideration of H.R. 2660, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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**Pending:**

Specter Amendment No. 1542, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S10991**

Byrd Amendment No. 1543 (to Amendment No. 1542), to provide additional funding for education for the disadvantaged. **Page S10991**

Akaka Amendment No. 1544 (to Amendment No. 1542), to provide funding for the Excellence in Economic Education Act of 2001. **Page S10991**

Mikulski Amendment No. 1552 (to Amendment No. 1542), to increase funding for programs under the Nurse Reinvestment Act and other nursing workforce development programs. **Page S11004**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following actions:

By 46 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 322), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motive to waive section 504 of H. Con. Res. 95, Congressional Budget Resolution, with respect to Reid/Bingaman Amendment No. 1547 (to Amendment

No. 1542), to increase funding for certain education and related programs. Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment would exceed discretionary spending limits and thus be in violation of section 504 of H. Con. Res. 95, Congressional Budget Resolution, was sustained, and the amendment thus falls. **Pages S10992–S11003**

By 53 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 323), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motive to waive section 504 of H. Con. Res. 95, Congressional Budget Resolution, with respect to Dorgan/Inhofe Amendment No. 1553 (to Amendment No. 1542), to provide additional funding for the Impact Aid Program. Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment would exceed discretionary spending limits and thus be in violation of section 504 of H. Con. Res. 95, Congressional Budget Resolution, was sustained, and the amendment thus falls. **Page S11017**

By 42 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 324), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motive to waive section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act, with respect to Dayton Amendment No. 1554 (to Amendment No. 1542), to increase funding for part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment would exceed the subcommittee's 302(b) allocations and thus be in violation of section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act, was sustained, and the amendment thus falls. **Pages S11017–18**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, September 4, 2003. **Page S11045**

**U.S.-Chile Free Trade Agreement Vote Change:**

A unanimous-consent request was granted permitting Senator Mikulski to change her yeas vote to a nay vote on Vote No. 319 changing the outcome of the vote to 65 yeas to 32 nays on H.R. 2738, to implement the United States-Chile Free Trade Agreement (passed by the Senate on July 31, 2003).

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Paul S. Atkins, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for a term expiring June 5, 2008. (Reappointment)

Karen K. Bhatia, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

Michael O. Leavitt, of Utah, to be Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Bradley D. Belt, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board for a term expiring September 30, 2008.

Jennifer Young, of Ohio, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

William J. Hudson, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tunisia.

Hector E. Morales, of Texas, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank.

James McBride, of New York, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2008.

William A. Chatfield, of Texas, to be Director of Selective Service.

Gordon England, of Texas, to be Secretary of the Navy. (Reappointment)

Michael W. Wynne, of Florida, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Navy. **Pages S11045–49**

**Measures Placed on Calendar:** **Page S11027**

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**Additional Statements:** **Pages S11024–27**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S11038–39**

**Authority for Committees to Meet:** **Pages S11040–41**

**Record Votes:** Three record votes were taken today. (Total—324) **Page S11002, S11017, S11018**

**Adjournment:** Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:29 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, September 4, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11045.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary approved for full Committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004.

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENTS OF TRANSPORTATION AND TREASURY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury, and General Government approved for full Committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies, Department of the Treasury, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004.

### MILITARY OPERATIONS WORLDWIDE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing regarding ongoing military operations and areas of concern around the world from Lieutenant General Norton A. Schwartz, USAF, Director for Operations, J–3; Major General Ronald L. Burgess, Jr., USA, Director for Intelligence, J–2; and Peter W. Rodman, Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs.

### BUDGET AND ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the budget and economic outlook, including the Congressional Budget Office's update of its baseline budget projections for fiscal years 2003 through 2013, after receiving testimony from Douglas Holtz-Eakin, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

### SPACE SHUTTLE COLUMBIA ACCIDENT

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the Columbia Accident Investigation Board's findings and recommendations from its investigation of the Columbia shuttle tragedy, after receiving testimony from Sean O'Keefe, Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; and Admiral Harold W. Gehman, Jr., USN (Ret.), Chairman, Columbia Accident Investigation Board.

### AIR FORCE-BOEING TANKERS LEASE PROPOSAL

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the proposed leasing of 100 Boeing 767 Tankers by the United States Air Force for aerial refueling, after receiving testimony from James G. Roche, Secretary of the Air Force; Douglas Holtz-Eakin, Director, Congressional Budget Office; Neal P. Curtin, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management, General Accounting Office; Christopher Bolkcom, Specialist in National Defense, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Lt. Gen. John B. Sams, Jr., USAF (Ret.), The Boeing Company, Arlington, Virginia; J. Richard Nelson, Institute for Defense Analyses, Alexandria, Virginia; and Steven Ellis, Taxpayers for Common Sense, and Eric Miller, Project on Government Oversight, both of Washington, D.C.